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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting — August 24, 2010

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Fran Daniel
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes
Claudia Oñate Greim

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rose Marie Bell
Joan Caulfield

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Terry Anderson, Director of Collection Management
Claudia Baker, Director of Development
Reed Beebe, Administrative Officer
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Dorothy Elliott, Deputy Executive Director for Branch and
Outreach Services
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services
Jordon Fields, Digital Project Manager
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Communication
Kathleen Hinton, Senior Financial Accountant
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
Bob Pedersen, Senior HR Generalist
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer
Kaite Stover, Head of Central Library Readers
and Circulation Services
Katie Taylor, Greenwood Event Coordinator
Donna Whitner, Director of Purchasing

OTHERS PRESENT: Shelly Malyarov
Angela Miratsky

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Discussing the minutes, Mayta requested that the minutes for the July 20, 2010 regular Board of Trustees meeting be amended to show that the July 20, 2010 meeting adjourned

at 5:30 p.m., and that the Library Board Memo number for the Director's Report for June 2010 be listed in the minutes as "LBM 3592".

Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 regular Board meeting and the August 6, 2010 Ad Hoc Committee on the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc meeting as amended. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all "recorded" votes, the vote of the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of "approved unanimously" mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

Dorsey reported to the Board on the August 6, 2010 Ad Hoc Committee on the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc. meeting. She stated that the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc. ("Black Archives") had experienced delays in getting its tax credits approved by the State of Missouri, and that the Black Archives continues to get operational money from the City of Kansas City. C. Kemper stated that Congressman Cleaver was supportive of the Black Archives, and that the Black Archives was his top priority to receive a Federal appropriation; however, the current political climate may delay any Federal appropriations to the Black Archives. Dorsey stated that the Black Archives is considering hiring a building manager for its building site, and that Kositany-Buckner is currently performing that function. J. Kemper suggested that the Black Archives record her time as an in-kind contribution, to help the Black Archives get a sense of how much the building management services currently provided by Kositany-Buckner might cost the organization in the future.

Mayta, as part of his report on the August 24, 2010 Finance and Audit Committee meeting, introduced Angela Miratsky from BKD, LLP, who discussed the draft of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2009 – 2010 that was presented to the Finance and Audit Committee.

Motion by Dixon to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Mayta. Approved unanimously. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for July 2010: Payroll (07/15/10 net cash \$207,785 plus taxes \$80,350) and (07/29/10 net cash \$225,170 plus taxes \$91,131) and (08/12/10 net cash \$204,598 plus taxes \$78,131), total amount of \$887,165; General Expense Payments including Checks (#148531-148896), in the amount of \$1,303,103. (LBM 3593)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for July 2010. (LBM 3594)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the contract with and/or make payment to the attached list of vendors in amounts not exceed those detailed in the attached list of vendors. (LBM 3595)

Discussing LBM 3595, J. Kemper requested that future memos include information concerning the proposed contracts' expiration dates.

Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to reaffirm Library Board Policy 004 (Code of Ethics). Second by Daniel. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3596)

Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the Library to contract with Progressive Electronics, Inc. to provide a sound reinforcement system for Kirk Hall in an amount not to exceed \$57,000. Second by Mayta. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3597)

J. Kemper suggested that the Library find a sponsor to cover the costs of the sound reinforcement system. C. Kemper stated that the Library would attempt to find a sponsor to cover the cost of the system.

Motion by Daniel to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the Library to contract for and make payment for professional services for website and digital initiative services with Bold Internet Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3598)

J. Kemper suggested that the issues related to the management of the website and digital initiative services be discussed at the Community Technology Advisory Group. Dixon also recommended discussing these issues with Vernon Glover, given his IT background and expertise.

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report for July 2010. (LBM 3599) He stated that the Library was working with the Family Conservancy to develop the Library's early reading programs. He stated that the North-East Branch's parking lot had recently been defaced with graffiti. Daniel suggested that the perhaps the North-East Branch's parking lot could be fenced-in as a deterrent to vandals. Brack reported that security incidents that the Central Library had experienced in the winter months had decreased with the arrival of warmer weather. C. Kemper stated that he would get an update on activities at the West Bottoms Community Release Center.

Fortunato discussed past and upcoming programming events at the Library. Discussing *Meet the Past* programming, Dorsey suggested that the Library's patrons be polled in some manner to help select the historic figures featured on future programs.

Dorsey communicated concerns from Kansas City Councilwoman Sharon Sanders Brooks that the Library's spaces were being used for political activity by local candidates. C. Kemper stated that current Library policy does not prohibit the use of Library spaces for political activity, with the exception of fundraising. He stated that a copy of the current relevant policies would be sent to the Board of Trustees.

J. Kemper stated that he would like for the Board to consider options and topics for future strategic planning retreats.

Motion by Daniel to adjourn. Second by Dorsey. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Secretary

Date